Assault on Journalists

502. Sri D. B. KALMANKAR (Aland). –

Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether there was manhandling and wrongful confinement of two journalists who had gone with the copies of their paper for distribution on 19th November 1968 to Dharmasthala in South Kanara District on the occasion of Sarva Dharma Sammelan ;

(*b*) if so, action taken in this behalf ;

(*c*) whether there is permanent police station at Dharmasthala to maintain law and order ;

(*d*) if not, whether the Government proposes to establish a permanent police station in view of huge pilgrimage and importance of the place ?

Sri VEERENDRA PATIL (Chief Minister).—

(*a*) There was an attempt to assault.

(*b*) The police intervened and brought the situation under control.

(*c*) No.

(*d*) There is no proposal at present.

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541. Sri B. BHASKER SHETTY (Kaup).—

Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether Government is aware that on 19th November 1968 atrocities have been committed on Newspaper Editors, Journalists at Dharmasthala ;

(*b*) if so, who are the Newspaper Editors and Journalists involved in this affair ;

(*c*) the nature of atrocity committed on them ;

(*d*) what action the police have taken when these atrocities were taking place ;

(*e*) what urgent action Government has taken in this matter ?

Sri VEERENDRA PATIL (Chief Minister).—

(*a*) There was an attempt of assault on Newspapers Editors.

(*b*) Editor of Jana Jagrathi and Editior, Malnad Weekly.

(*c*) Does not arise in view of reply to clause (*a*).